

grandfather receive his honorary degree. Jean E. and Laura Jones are extremely proud of their grandfather and great uncle and their service to the United States.

Donald Wallace Jones enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January, 1942, at the age of sixteen. His first mission was aboard the USS *Pennsylvania*, which participated in the Coral Sea–Midway Battle. In July, 1943 he was transferred to the newly commissioned Fred C. Davis 136, which eventually received high security radio control jamming equipment that was used during the Invasion of Sicily. Jones later served as gun pointer in Anzio and was responsible for shooting down 13 planes and one mini-submarine. He was next transferred to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 1945 and boarded the DE195-Thornhill. The Thornhill traveled through the Panama Canal headed to Pearl Harbor ready to engage again, but before the ship reached its destination, President Truman announced his decision to bomb Japan. When the second bomb was dropped on August 9, 1945, Jones had just reached his 20th birthday. He returned to the United States on a “victory ship” and was honorably discharged on October 17, 1945 from the U.S. Navy. Donald W. Jones volunteered almost four years of his life in service to his country.

Jack Jones enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January, 1941, at seventeen years of age. He went to Dearborn, Michigan to the Ford Motor Company to train as a motor machinist. Jack was then transferred to the USS *Tennessee* where he served over 2 years. He survived the December 7, 1941 Japanese invasion of Pearl Harbor, and had the difficult job of burial detail following the attack. He, along with his brother Donald, was in the Coral Sea–Midway Battle. He then continued to serve his country on a Troop Carrier ship during the European Theater in the Mediterranean. He also experienced the Sicily Invasion and Salerno, Italy Invasion. Jack was finally transferred to the *Viviane* in the Atlantic, where he served before he was honorably discharged in Jacksonville, Florida at the end of 1947. He proudly served his country for 7 years.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Donald and Jack Jones for their contributions during World War II, and congratulate them as they receive their honorary high school diplomas from Davis High School on June 1, 2002.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM D. LAW,
JR.

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor Dr. William D. Law, Jr., a constituent and more importantly, a good friend. Bill Law has served North Harris Montgomery Community College District and Montgomery College as a president and executive officer with unmatched energy and care since 1992.

Dr. Law created the vision and leadership for the founding and significant growth and success of Montgomery College; oversaw the planning, management and construction of the campus; directed a nationwide recruitment effort for faculty and staff; created the organizational structure and led the development of the college's academic programs.

Dr. Law's commitment to breaking the geographic barriers within Montgomery County to better serve its entire population—uniting the north and south, east and west of the county to create a better climate for economic prosperity for all—will leave a lasting legacy.

Bill Law has provided critical leadership in helping to establish The University Center adjacent to the Montgomery College campus and helping to provide increased access to higher education, including bachelor's and master's degrees.

Bill Law has participated in and provided leadership for many civic, business, political, and community development groups contributing important ideas and energy to all of his affiliations; serving with distinction on the boards of numerous organizations, including Montgomery County Youth Services, the Education for Tomorrow Alliance, The John Cooper School, and the Montgomery County United Way.

Bill Law has made significant efforts to reach the underserved populations in the area, including the growing number of Hispanics in the county, as well as the Tamina community. He created programs and services to better meet the needs of potential first-generation college students.

Dr. Law's success at Montgomery College helped by example to lead to the expansion of the North Harris Montgomery Community College District service area, with the successful elections of Splendora and Willis ISDs in 1996, Klein ISD in 1999, and Magnolia and Cy-Fair ISDs in 2000.

Bill Law has worked tirelessly to establish a much-needed, comprehensive technology training center for all the citizens of Montgomery County; partnering with business, industry and education to create the Center for Business & Technology Training, which will train workers for the kinds of careers on which they can raise a family.

Bill Law has earned numerous recognitions for his service to the community, and was twice selected as Citizen of the Year by the South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce, and Key Person of the Year by the Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Law's vision for Montgomery College has resulted in significant achievements and recognitions for the college, including selection as a “Showcase College” by the Consortium for Community College Development, a “21st Century Learning College Champion” by the League for Innovation in the Community College, and various other honors.

Mr. Speaker, this statement shall serve as a permanent record in the United States House of Representatives of the esteem and respect accorded to Dr. William D. Law, Jr. by his colleagues, faculty, staff, students, and community. His many contributions to Montgomery College and the North Harris Montgomery Community College District will not be soon forgotten.

Like many others, I consider Bill Law a good and true friend. He is as near to irreplaceable as a leader can be, and I speak for our entire community when I say that he is a well-loved and will be sorely missed. Bill Law enriched our lives by our mere association with this remarkable education leader.

THE SCREENING OF THE TURKISH HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTARY “DESPERATE HOURS”

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to mark a special occasion, the screening of the film documentary “Desperate Hours,” the story of Turkish assistance to European Jews seeking to flee the Holocaust. Produced and directed by Victoria Barrett, the film will be shown at 7:15 p.m. in room HC-7 in the Capitol. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this event.

Mr. Speaker, I first visited Turkey as a young man in 1956. My wife Annette and I have returned to enjoy Turkish hospitality many times since. When I first visited Turkey, it was just a few short years after Turkey had made the crucial decision to join NATO, where it has always been a loyal Western ally, first against Soviet tyranny, later against ethnic cleansing in the Balkans, and now against global terrorism.

But what most ennobles Turkey for me is its role as a savior of so many Jews during the two greatest Jewish tragedies of the past millennium, the Inquisition and the Holocaust. During the Inquisition of the late fifteenth century, the Ottoman Sultan Bayezit invited the fleeing Jews of Spain and Portugal to find comfort in his realm. The 500th anniversary of this episode—both sad and redemptive—was marked by Turkish Jews and non-Jews alike in 1992.

The documentary “Desperate Hours” commemorates Turkey's rarely cited role in that other Jewish tragedy—the greatest crime of the bloody twentieth century—the Holocaust. Turkey's efforts were as important and dramatic as they are little known. Turkey offered refuge to hundreds of Germans—non-Jews as well as Jews—during the 1930s. Its diplomats in France, often without waiting for instructions from the capital, conferred Turkish citizenship on thousands of desperate Jews trapped in Nazi-occupied and Vichy France. In some cases Turkish diplomats, at great personal risk, stared down Gestapo officers to protect their new fellowcitizens, as was the case with the saintly Necdet Kent. All this, while Nazi troops stood poised on Turkey's borders.

My wife and I were saved by Raul Wallenberg. I am pleased that the Turkish versions of Wallenberg are at last receiving their due.

The intimate links between Turks and Jews continue, of course, to this day. A community of some 25,000 Jews thrives in contemporary Turkey. Tens of thousands of Turkish Jews living nearby in Israel cherish their links to Turkey. All of this is a testament to the Muslim-Jewish friendship that has been a hallmark of the Turkish historical experience.

In recent times, Turkish-Jewish friendship has been enriched and deepened by the close relations Israel and Turkey have forged in recent years. Journalists have focused on the security relationship—and that indeed is important—but the non-security aspects of this relationship are growing even more rapidly: burgeoning commercial trade now worth over a billion dollars a year, Israeli tourists by the hundreds of thousands flocking annually to